

## CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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## TRIO RESPONSIBLE FOR NUMEROUS VEHICLE BURGLARIES

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Rapid Offender Control Unit and Latent Detective Unit investigated numerous vehicle burglaries that detectives believe have occurred over the past two years. This trio victimized our visitors as well as our residents of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

These burglars chose vehicles parked at locations such as Beach Place and The Galleria Mall, all which are located in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Crime Analysts and Detectives worked countless hours to locate and identify the suspects responsible for the numerous vehicle burglaries throughout the city. The suspects gained entry into the vehicles by prying open the door locks and breaking the vehicles windows.

This lengthy investigation led detectives to the following suspects:

- Douglas Holcombe, B/M, 09/01/77, a City of Miami resident
- Christopher Coley, B/M, 10/21/83, a City of Miami resident
- Zohnniffer Nelson, B/F, 12/29/86, a City of Miami resident

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, Holcombe, Coley, and Nelson were apprehended by Rapid Offender Control Detectives and Patrol Officers during the commission of a burglary at Beach Place. All three suspects were arrested and charged with six counts of burglary (auto). Additional charges are pending the outcome of this investigation.

Anyone with further information regarding these burglaries should contact Detective Tim Shields at 954-828-6318 or the Broward Crime Stoppers at 954-493-8477 (TIPS).

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